

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 27, 2013

CITY OF LYNCHBURG
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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LYNCHBURG, VA 24504
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On or about September 4, 2013 the City of Lynchburg will submit a request to the HUD Virginia Office for the release of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships) funds under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, to undertake the following projects known as: Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority Rental Rehabilitation (\$30,000- upgrading handicap accessibility, energy upgrades including gas/oil furnaces, installation of windows); Fifth Street Community Development Corporation, Fifth Street Improvements, Phase III, Multi-year project-2008-2014), (\$175,491- street paving, crosswalks, sidewalks and street trees); Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood Council- Lynchburg Community Action Group (Lyn-CAG) Housing Rehabilitation (\$36,500- interior & exterior painting, energy efficient upgrades & roof repairs); Parks & Recreation- Miller Park Basketball Courts Relocation (\$50,215- grade & pave court surface); Lyn-CAG Homebuyer (CHDO) (\$46,770- acquisition of property, interior & exterior painting, energy efficient upgrades & roof repairs); Lynchburg Neighborhood Development Foundation Single Family Development (\$50,000- construction materials for development of a new housing unit); and Lyn-CAG Substantial Rehabilitation (\$111,201- interior & exterior painting, energy efficient upgrades & roof repairs).

The activities proposed are Categorically Excluded under HUD Regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for these projects are on file in the Grants Administration Office, Second Floor, City Hall, 900 Church Street, Lynchburg, VA and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Grants Administration Office. All comments received by September 3, 2013 will be considered by the City of Lynchburg prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Lynchburg certifies to HUD Richmond, VA Field Office that L. Kimball Payne, III in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD'S/Richmond, VA Field Office approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Lynchburg to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The HUD Virginia Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Lynchburg's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lynchburg; (b) the City of Lynchburg has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD Virginia Office; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the projects are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to: Mr. Ronnie J. Legette, Sr., Director Community Planning and Development Division, HUD Virginia Office at 600 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-1800. Potential objectors should contact the HUD Virginia Office at 1-800-842-2610, Extension 4833, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

L. Kimball Payne, III
City Manager

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